

The Gold Digger Rally

August 18/19 2007

Hosted by the West Coast Rally Association Round 3 of the 2007 BC Rally Championship

The Gold Digger Rally is a sanctioned, all night, time-speed-distance (TSD) event, part of the BC Rally Championship following the CARS GCRs, and the 2007 BC TSD Rally Regulations, which are available online at http://www.rallybc.com/html/regional_rules.htm. The rally runs on straightforward instructions, and will be approximately 342 km in length with roads about 77% gravel and 22% paved (and 1% paved with really big potholes). Maximum distance between gas stops is 291 km (180 miles).

Required equipment: 1 reflective warning triangle, 5BC fire extinguisher (10BC recommended), soft top vehicles require a roll bar, mandatory first aid kit (see below).

Recommended equipment: map light, driving lights (strongly recommended), clipboard, and a pen. No loose gas cans are permitted, jerry can refuelling by advance coordination only. NOTE: a donut spare is not recommended. Additional lights on the front should meet legal requirements as to type and mounting height; and must be wired to the high beam lights such that the additional lights turn off when switching to low beam. Fog lights may be wired independently.

Important note on safety equipment: The regulations on minimum mandatory first aid equipment were updated in 2006. Because our events take place on remote roads, far from medical help, in the unlikely event of an accident involving injury, the first people on the scene will be other competitors, and they will be the people best positioned to administer first aid. To that end, where the regulations used to require only a basic first aid kit, contents undefined, RPM has now defined what must be in that kit:

Mandatory Vehicle First Aid Kit

10 Cleansing Wipes	10 Butterfly Closures
25 Adhesive Bandages 1.9cmx7.5cm	6 Cotton Tip Applicators
Knuckle Bandages	1 Tongue Depressor
4 Fingertip Bandages	2 pair Vinyl Gloves
2 Gauze Pads 5cmx5cm	1 pair Scissors 14cm
3 Gauze Pads 7.5cmx7.5cm	1 First Aid Pocket guide
3 Gauze Pads 10cmx10cm	1 Adhesive Tape 2.5cm x 4.5m
1 Elastic Gauze Bandage 5cm x 4.5m	1 pair Tweezers
1 Elastic Gauze Bandage 7.5cm x 4.5m	1 Cold Compress
1 Pressure Bandage 10cmx10cm	3 Triangular Bandage - 2 extra over kit
1 Abdominal Pad 12cmx22cm	2 Space Blankets - additional
2 Oval Eye Pads	(SOS not required)

Each leg of the rally will end with a gas or rest stop, and is divided into Transit sections and Regularity sections. Transits assign a time, which is adequate for completing it well within posted speed limits. Your time will not be recorded in Transits. Regularity sections list specific average speeds, which are below posted speed limits, and which average you must maintain in each part of the section in order to be one time. Timing controls will be in Regularity sections only, and will not be placed within 200 meters of stop signs, yield signs, traffic lights, busy intersections, nor start or finish of the Regularity. Procedure when approaching a control is simply to drive straight past without stopping. The control official will record your time. For double-checking the results for yourself, you may wish to note the time and mileage at each control but this is not required. Your timing in the Regularities determines your score.

There is a one second penalty free zone each side of perfect time. A penalty of one point per second early or late is assessed at each control after the one-second penalty free zone is exceeded. At the finish, scores will be totaled and the lowest score wins. The maximum penalty at each control is 300 points (5 minutes). The maximum penalty in each regularity section is 600 points (10 minutes). Control officials will remain in place at least 5 minutes until any remaining cars are beyond 5 minutes late. Ties will be broken by the most zero scores, then the most 1 second penalties, etc.

Exceptions to Scoring: a competitor coming upon an accident is required to stop and render aid as possible. In such cases, the competitor should record the time and the mileage in the section. If stopping as a result of helping at an accident, calculate the time lost and give a written declaration of this to a rally official or the event steward. Unless it is determined that the incident did not occur as declared, the declaration will be accepted and the remainder of the leg scored as if delayed by the time lost. Hence, lost time must not be made up until the next end of the leg. Declarations of time lost will also be considered for organizers' errors that make official time unattainable and other discretionary safety concerns.

Prizes will be awarded for overall position and according to the following classes:

- Novice: Neither team member having entered more than 3 TSD rallies before the current year and equipment limited to Calculator Class.
- Paper: No calculators, rally tables or accessory odometers.
- Calculator: Accessory odometers, non-programmable calculating devices that are not driven by a wheel.
- Unlimited: Unlimited equipment.
- Historic: Vehicles manufactured more than 25 years prior to December 31 of the year preceding the current competition season. Navigational equipment is Unlimited.

The organizers reserve the right to upgrade entries to the next class if less than 2 vehicles are entered, for awards purposes.

Officials of the Event

- Rally Master: John McLaren, 604-521-4762, john@rallybc.com
- Steward: TBA
- Registrar: John McLaren, 418 Fader St. New Westminster BC. V3L 3T1

**Dennis Wende, the regular registrar, is away on business and will not be able to open mail. Don't send entries to Alpine Ct.

Schedule

Saturday August 18

Directions to start location: From Vancouver, head North on Highway 99 to Pemberton. Remember to allow a bit of extra time for the construction happening on this highway. Approximately 40km north of Whistler, turn left at the traffic signal by the Petro-Canada onto Portage Road. Follow the road and turn left 0.8km later through a roundabout onto Birch Road. Just after the double RRX, turn left onto Frontier St and into the big parking lot. Registration will be in front of the Greyhound Bus Station.

9:00 pm Late registration -Greyhound Stn, 1440 Portage Rd, Pemberton
9:00 pm on Technical Inspection & Scrutineering
10:00 pm Registration and tech closes
10:15 pm Novice (1st rally ever) meeting
10:30 pm Drivers' Meeting
11:01 pm First car out

Sunday August 19

08:00 am Finish & Results - Pemberton Hotel, 1453 Portage Rd, Pemberton

Entry Fee: \$85 for entries received before August 9,2007
\$95 for late entries received August 9-18,2007
\$5 discount per member of an RPM member club

Please note we are currently taking US funds at par only. Sorry for this inconvenience but you can blame the close economy and expensive bank rates.

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